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SUBJECT: NEW MALAGASY PRIME MINISTER

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL DESIRE RAKOTOARIJAONA WAS NAMED PRIME MINISTER BY PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA ON JULY 31 ON THE OCCASION OF A RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE NEW LEGISLATURE (ANP). THE NEW PRIME MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO FORM HIS GOVERNMENT BY AUGUST 4.

2. NEW PRIME MINISTER IS GENDARMERIE OFFICER. A MERINA BORN IN ANTANANARIVO JUNE 19, 1934, TRAINED IN FRANCE AT GENDARMERIE OFFICERS SCHOOL AT MELUN, FRANCE, THEN AT MILITARY ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL OF MONTPELLIER, HE ALSO STUDIED LAW AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES IN ANTANANARIVO AND SERVED IN DIFFERENT GENDARMERIE POSTS. IN FEBRUARY 1975 HE WAS NAMED MINISTER OF FINANCE BY THEN-CHIEF OF STATE RICHARD RATSIMANDRAVA, HIMSELF A MERINA AND A GENDARMERIE OFFICER. HE KEPT THIS MINISTERIAL POST AFTER RATSIMANDRAVA'S ASSASSINATION UNTIL RATSIRAKA'S ACCESSION TO POWER IN JUNE 1975. HE THEN BECAME
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A MEMBER OF THE SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, IN WHICH HE REMAINS WHILE PRIME MINISTER.

3. DURING RECENT ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN, RAKOTOARIJAONA WAS FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO BY THE PRESS AS THE "SHOCK ORATOR" OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S REGIME. HE IS APPARENTLY A SPELL-BINDER ON THE SPEAKER'S STAND AND BECAUSE OF THIS WAS

GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE AN UP-AND-COMING FIGURE IN THE
PRESENT REGIME AND/OR A POSSIBLE RIVAL TO RATSIRAKA.BARRETT

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